LOSING PART OF THEIR PAY.

HOW THE ST. PAUL ROAD TREATED ITS STRIKERS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 27.—There have been rumors affoat that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad had assessed its losses through the Burlington strike upon its. ployes throughout its system. The men are paid about the 23d of each month for the month preceding. They were paid last week for April, which was the month of the switchmen's sympathetic strike on the St. Paul, at which time an order was made cutting down the operating force of the road one-third and reducing the salaries of those remaining in its employ 3313 per cent. This order was revoked in six days. From the April pay of the employes the deduction was made of six days' pay for those sus-pended for that length of time. The others suffered a cut of 3313 per cent. in their pay for the same six days. Many had supposed that salaries would be untouched, and hence arose the rumor referred to.

President Miller of the St. Paul said to-night that the story of an attempt to make up from his employes for losses by the "Q" strike was utterly unfounded. The cause of the April order was the strike of the St. Paul's own switchmen. While they were on strike the other employes had little to do, and the order to curtail expenses was issued. The switchmen stood out for six days, and when they went back to work the old order of things was restored. In making out the pay roll for April the company simply deducted the time lost during the side strike, and paid its men exactly as their bills stood under the terms of the six days'

order.

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